

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. The Office action indicates that claims 1-31 are subject to a restriction requirement. As indicated in the Office action, it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species 1, Figs. 1-3, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with a rectangular base pyramidal configuration.

Species 2, Figs. 4-6, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with a hexagonal base pyramidal configuration.

Species 3, Figs. 7-9, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with a cone-shaped, circular base configuration.

Species 4, Figs. 10-12, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with random longitudinally running designs.

Species 5, Figs. 13-15, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with random transversely running designs.

Species 6, Figs. 16-18, representing a single ply roof membrane with the bottom layer embossed with random interwoven basket-weave designs.

Applicants hereby elect Species 4, Figs. 10-12, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowed. Each of claims 1, 5, 8-18, 22, and 25-31 reads on the elected species. Furthermore, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 8-18 and 25-31 are generic and not limited to a specific embossment pattern.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact William J. Davis at (973) 628-3529 or the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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